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**Washington**, **DC** – On Cinco de Mayo, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) commended Interior Secretary Ken Salazar for his advocacy on the potential National Museum of the American Latino, which would be part of the Smithsonian Institution. Secretary Salazar said he would urge Congress to approve this museum to honor Latinos' culture, art, and history.

"America's Latino community has played a significant contribution in our history, yet when it comes to documenting these accomplishments, the National Mall falls short," said Congresswoman McCollum. "Secretary Salazar is to be commended for his efforts in ensuring that the Latino population's story is told. I urge my colleagues in Congress to approve the construction of this important historical resource."

Congresswoman Betty McCollum serves on the House Appropriations and Budget Committees.

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